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1. (C-ENTIRE TEXT)
2. AS OF 1400 HOURS ZULU, THE MILITARY COMMITTEE OF REFORM
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FOR NATIONAL PROGRESS (MCRNP) CONTINUES TO BROADCAST MARTIAL
MUSIC INTERSPERSED WITH THREE PROCLAMATIONS TRANSMITTED
REFTEL. WITH EXCEPTION OF COL. SAYE ZERBO, IDENTITIES OF
MEMBERS OF THE MCRNP HAVE NOT BEEN OFFICIALLY REVEALED.
EMBASSY HAS INFORMALLY OBTAINED SEVERAL NAMES

EXPLAINED THAT MCRNP
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RELIGION, LABOR UNIONISM AND WAS DEDICATED TO "PREPARING UPPER VOLTA FOR LASTING DEMOCRACY".

OPINED THAT COUP WOULD END ERA OF POLITICAL OLD GUARD (GEN. LAMIZANA, JOSEPH CONOMBO, GERARD KANGO OUEDRAOGO, JOSEPH KI-ZERBO, JOSEPH OUEDRAOGO AND WOULD OPEN POLITICAL SCENE TO "NEW BLOOD AND NEW APPROACHES".

THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS HE KNWE TO BE DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN TAKEOVER:

--COLONEL SAYE ZERBO - MCRNP LEADER AND COMMANDANT OF OUAGADOUGOU INTERARMES REGIMENT

--COLONEL (BRAHIMA) KONE - BELIEVED TO BE AT OUAGADOUGOU GENERAL STAFF HEADQUARTERS

--LTC PIERRE BADEMBIE NEZIEN - COMMANDANT OF THE NATIONAL GENDARMERIE

--LTC BARTHELEMY KOMPASRE - DEPTTY TO COLONEL ZERBO

--LTC OUSMANE OUEDRAOGO- COMMANDER, DORI FIRST INFANTRY COMMANDO REGIMENT.

--COMMANDER OF THE OUAHIGOUYA SECOND INFANTRY COMMANDO REGIMENT BELIEVED TO BE LTC YACOUBA TAMINI.

OPINED THAT THE MCRNP WOULD DEVOTE MUCH OF THEIR FIRST WEEK IN PWOER TO ESTABLISHING THEIR CONTROL OVER THE COUNTRY AND THAT NOTHING OFFICIAL SHOULD BE EXPECTED FROM THEM FOR THE NEXT SEVERAL DAYS.

5. COMMENT: ALL INDICATIONS TO DATE ARE THAT COL. ZERBO AND ASSOCIATES HAVE STAGED A SUCCESSFUL, BLOODLESS COUP. PRESEDENT LAMIZANA REPORTEDLY REMAINS UNDER HOUSE ARREST (AND WE SUSPECT FORMER PM CONOMBO AND PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY GERARD KANGO OUEDRAOGO ARE TOO)

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